

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-29. (Cancelled).

30. (Previously Presented) A blind comprising:  
a head rail;  
a plurality of carriers that can run within the head rail;  
a louver hung from each of the carriers;  
a first operating device for moving the plurality of carriers along the head rail; and  
a second operating device for moving the plurality of carriers along the head rail,  
wherein the louvers are moved along the head rail in a determined direction to open a  
space under a first end of the head rail by manipulating the first operating device, and  
the louvers are moved along the head rail in a direction opposite to the determined  
direction to open a space under a second end of the head rail by manipulating the  
second operating device; and  
a spacer link one end of which is fixed to each carrier except the carrier closest  
to the first end of the head rail, and the other end of which is slidably connected to the  
adjoining carrier on the first end's side of the carrier for connecting said carrier to the  
adjoining carriers at the maximum spacing which is equal to the prescribed spacing; and  
a stopper which permits the passage of the carrier closest to the first end's of the head  
rail but prohibits the passage of the next carrier, is provided in the vicinity of the first end  
of said head rail.

31. (Previously Presented) The blind according to Claim 30, further comprising a  
third operating device on the first end of the head rail and a fourth operating device on  
the second end of the head rail, wherein the louvers are turned by manipulating the third  
operating device or the fourth operating device.

32. (Currently Amended) A blind comprising:

a head rail;  
a plurality of carriers that can run within the head rail;  
a louver hung from each of the carriers;  
a first operating device positioned fixedly in a longitudinal direction of the head

rail; and

a second operating device fixedly in a longitudinal direction of the head rail,

wherein the louvers are moved to open a space under a first end of the head rail by manipulating the first operating device, and the louvers are moved to open a space under a second end of the head rail by manipulating the second operating device, wherein the carrier arranged closest to the first end of the head rail constitutes a first master carrier and the carrier arranged closest to the second end of the head rail constitutes a second master carrier, wherein manipulation of the first operating device causes the first master carrier to move toward the second end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the first end and manipulation of the second operating device causes the second master carrier to move toward the first end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the second end, wherein, within the head rail, an endless first cord connected to the first master carrier is arranged around to move the first master carrier by manipulating the first operating device and an endless second cord connected to the second master carrier is arranged around to move the second master carrier by manipulating the second operating device.

33. (Previously Presented) The blind according to Claim 32, wherein either one of said endless first cord and said endless second cord is arranged on a front side of the head rail and the other is arranged on a rear side of the head rail.

34. (Previously Presented) The blind according to Claim 32, wherein either one of said endless first cord and said endless second cord is arranged inside of the other of said endless first cord and said endless second cord.

35. (Currently Amended) A blind comprising:  
a head rail;

a plurality of carriers that can run within the head rail;

a louver hung from each of the carriers;

a first operating device positioned fixedly in a longitudinal direction of the head rail for moving the plurality of carriers along the head rail; and

a second operating device fixedly in a longitudinal direction of the head rail for moving the plurality of carriers along the head rail, wherein the louvers are moved along the head rail in a determined direction to open a space under a first end of the head rail by manipulating the first operating device, and the louvers are moved along the head rail in a direction opposite to the determined direction to open a space under a second end of the head rail by manipulating the second operating device, wherein, among said carriers, the carrier arranged closest to the first end of the head rail constitutes a first master carrier and the carrier arranged closest to the second end of the head rail constitutes a second master carrier, wherein manipulation of the first operating device causes the first master carrier to move toward the second end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the first end and manipulation of the second operating device causes the second master carrier to move toward the first end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the second end, and wherein, within the head rail, an endless first cord connected to the first master carrier is arranged around to move the first master carrier by manipulating the first operating device and an endless second cord connected to the second master carrier is arranged around to move the second master carrier by manipulating the second operating device.

36. – 38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously Presented) A blind comprising:

a head rail;

a plurality of carriers that can run within the head rail;

a louver hung from each of the carriers;

a first operating device positioned fixedly in a longitudinal direction of the head rail; and

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a second operating device positioned fixedly in a longitudinal direction of the head rail,

wherein, among said carriers, the carriers arranged closest to the first end of the head rail constitutes a first master carrier and the carrier arranged closest to the second end of the head rail constitutes a second master carrier,

wherein manipulation of the first operating device causes the first master carrier to move toward the second end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the first end and manipulation of the second operating device causes the second master carrier to move toward the first end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the second end.

40. (Previously Presented) The blind of claim 39, wherein within the head rail, an endless first cord connected to the first master carrier is arranged around to move the first master carrier by manipulating the first operating device and an endless second cord connected to the second master carrier is arranged around to move the second master carrier by manipulating the second operating device.

41. (Previously Presented) The blind of claim 40, wherein either one of said endless first cord and said endless second cord is arranged on a front side of the head rail and the other is arranged on a rear side of the head rail.

42. (Previously Presented) The blind of claim 40, wherein either one of said endless first cord and said endless second cord is arranged inside of the other of said endless first cord and said endless second cord.

Please add the following new claim:

43. (New) A blind comprising:  
a head rail;  
a plurality of carriers that can run within the head rail;  
a louver hung from each of the carriers;

a first operating device for moving the plurality of carriers along the head rail, said first operating device positioned fixedly in a longitudinal direction of the head rail;

a second operating device for moving the plurality of carriers along the head rail, said second operating device positioned fixedly in a longitudinal direction of the head rail, wherein the louvers are moved along the head rail in a determined direction so as to open a space under a first end of the head rail by manipulating the first operating device, and the louvers are moved along the head rail in a direction opposite to the determined direction so as to open a space under a second end of the head rail by manipulating the second operating device;

a spacer link one end of which is fixed to each carrier except the carrier closest to the first end of the head rail, and the other end of which is slidably connected to the adjoining carrier on the first end's side of the carrier for connecting said carrier to the adjoining carrier at the maximum spacing which is equal to the prescribed spacing; and

a stopper which permits the passage of the carrier closest to the first end of the head rail but prohibits the passage of the next carrier, provided in the vicinity of the first end of said head rail.

44. (New) The blind of claim 43, further comprising a third operating device on the first end of the head rail and a fourth operating device on the second end of the head rail, wherein the louvers are turned by manipulating the third operating device or the fourth operating device.